

Regular Meeting of Commercial Club Next Tuesday at 4:00 O'clock P. M., at Court House.

INDUSTRIAL TEXAS WONDERFUL GROWTH

BOOKLET JUST ISSUED SHOWS STATE'S
REMARKABLE RESOURCES.

Commercial Organization's Plea for More In-
telligent Farming and Better Roads—
Promoting Prosperity.

"Industrial Texas" is the title of an interesting and attractive booklet recently issued by the Prosperity Club of Texas. It contains a statistical resume of the value and distribution of the property wealth of the state and some cogent suggestions for increasing both wealth and population. Colored diagrams emphasize and stress important truths, and in a clear, analytical manner it proceeds to argue for a greater Texas. For instance, it starts out with this clear statement of the relation of commercial club work to the state:

"The purpose of a commercial club is to promote the prosperity of the community, and to promote prosperity we must increase wealth. We may increase our wealth by creating property, by adding value to property, and by moving property into the community. The farms, mines and fisheries are the natural producing lines of industry and increase wealth. The factory takes the products of the farms and mines and by changing either their form or appearance adds value to the articles; the factory, therefore, increases wealth. The railroad, by affording market facilities and cheapening the cost of transportation, adds to the values of production and property. The immigrants, in moving to Texas and settling our farm lands, and the capitalists, in making investments and building factories, railroads, etc., bring property into the state, as well as add value to adjoining property; they thereby increase wealth. View it as you will, to be prosperous we must create property, increase the value of property or transfer property into the state from outside its borders."

Scattered through the pages of this little booklet are the following bits of information about Texas:

"The gross income of Texas amounts to \$1,302,505,000 annually, divided as follows: Agriculture, \$561,339,000; manufacturing, \$124,600,000; mining, \$16,566,000; and increase in property and property values, \$600,000,000."

"We have in Texas 167,865,000 acres of land. Of this acreage there are 2,118,000 acres of water surface and 165,747,000 acres of land surface. All the land surface is susceptible to a high degree of cultivation, except a very small percentage which is mountainous and is used for grazing purposes. We now have less than 30,000,000 acres of land under cultivation, leaving 137,865,000 acres of uncultivated land, less the water surface."

"Texas has more livestock than any other state in the union. We have 15,981,000 head of livestock, valued at \$312,857,000 by the government agricultural department January 1, 1909. We have four head of livestock per capita. We lead all other states in the production of cattle and mules; Illinois and Iowa lead us in horses,

in the order named."

"Texas has 1,312,000 head of horses, valued at \$93,152,000. The average price of a Texas horse is \$71 and that of an Illinois horse \$109."

"Texas has 8,794,000 head of cattle, valued at \$130,201,985. Texas cattle are worth \$14.79 per head and Illinois cattle \$28.02 per head."

After presenting the foregoing and much other valuable information, the booklet makes a plea for a more intelligent system of farming, better roads, fairer system of taxation, more liberal treatment of useful corporations and generally for a united, broad-gauged movement for a greater and more prosperous Texas.—Fort Worth Record.

CANYON CITY NORMAL WILL LEAD.

Superintendent Cousins States That New School
Will Stand Above Other Institutions of Its
Class in the State.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 24.—When completed and fully equipped Prof. R. B. Cousins, state superintendent of public instruction, and a member of the locating board, said the West Texas Normal at Canyon City will be the largest by far of any of the three state normals now in operation. Under the act of the Thirty-first legislature creating this new educational institution it is provided that it shall be completed by October 1, 1910, consequently there is just one year in which this is to be done. Even by rushing the work, some doubt is expressed as to whether the normal can be finished and ready for opening by the time specified. The locating board will leave within the next few days for Canyon City, where it will select the site on which the new institution is to be located, there being seven sites. After this has been done, then the whole matter will be turned over to the state board of education, that board awarding the contract for buildings, etc., and making provision for the employment of a superintendent and also the faculty.

While this new institution will have \$150,000 to start with, the value of any one of the other three institutions does not aggregate \$100,000 at present. It is expected that the new normal will be able to accommodate a great many more students than any of the present ones.

The locating committee of the West Texas Normal in their report recommended that two more normals be provided for by the next legislature. Upon finding out what a big country West Texas is they have about decided that it will take lots of normals to supply the demand. Under these circumstances and in consideration of the fact that the present normal has been definitely located and Seymour is getting over her sore feelings, we believe we will take back what we said about the committee, if they will guarantee to locate one of those normals here. If they wouldn't even come to see us this time, though, it looks like our shot for another one might be sorter slim.—Baylor County Banner.

John Turner, the Umbarger contractor, was in this city Wednesday on his way home from Amarillo, where he had been attending to business affairs.

REORGANIZATION OF COM- MERCIAL CLUB IS MADE.

LARGE MEMBERSHIP UNDER NEW RULES IS
PREDICTED AND DEVELOPMENT OF IN-
TERESTS OF CITY IS STARTED.

L. G. Conner, Founder of Canyon City, is Elected President—Will Have Paid Secretary and Work to Begin at Once—Meeting Tuesday.

At last it seems as if Canyon City is to have an organized effort for the advancement of all kinds of interests of this town and county. Some time ago the commercial club became a matter of the past so far as being active is concerned and the interests of the city have been referred to this man and to that man until they have not had the right kind of attention. Many important letters have been coming to this city, especially during the past four weeks, asking about varied commercial interests and the most of these letters have been answered but answered in such a way that they have proven unsatisfactory, for the simple reason that in nine cases out of ten the man who was answering the letter was not posted about the business which was under investigation. "With an organized association and a man to take charge of the work, if a letter of inquiry comes and the secretary does not know definitely about it, it will be his special business to ascertain the facts before replying, thus giving almost accurate information which will produce results."

For several weeks the effort to have the club reorganized has been taking place and an especial effort has been made to have the membership consist of the very best and most alive men of the town so that it would not prove a failure in its results. The list, Wednesday afternoon, consisted of sixty or more men who pledged themselves for a year of good work for the city—and in a year's time considerable ought to be accomplished. A new basis of membership was adopted or at least proposed with reference to the membership fees. The proposed fees are to be submitted to the members on the list and are as follows: "For the support of this club and the expenses of the same, each member shall pay yearly to the secretary of this club one fourth of one per cent of his taxable property in Randall county, Texas, as shown by the assessment rolls of the said county, which said amount is to be determined by the Board of Directors. Said amount may be paid monthly in advance or yearly in advance. Provided that no person shall be a member of the said club who pays less than \$1.00 per month."

It is claimed that a set of dues on this basis would be more satisfactory than on a regular monthly assessment as the large property owner would contribute according to his wealth.

At the preliminary meeting on the 24th of September a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the governing of the club and an additional committee on membership was appointed. At the meeting Wednesday afternoon these committees reported and permanent organization was entered into with a good attendance. The proposed rules were adopted with the exception of the dues which will be finally decided at the next meeting which is to be held next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock in the court house.

The regular times of meeting of the club is to be on the first Tuesday in each month at four o'clock hence the meeting Tuesday will be the first regular meeting.

Election of officers for the first term was held, L. G. Conner, the father and founder of Canyon City, being unanimously elected as the president, A. S. Rollins, vice-president, and R. A. Terrill, secretary and treasurer. The three general committees have not as yet been appointed but President Conner will announce them at the meeting Tuesday.

According to the by-laws there are to be three standing general committees, one on Internal Improvements, one on Publicity and one on General Welfare.

Judging the matter from a practical standpoint, it appears that every citizen of the town and county should take an active interest in this proposition as the club is organized for the advancement of the interests

of the whole county and not Canyon City alone. This will therefore make the club of help to the whole community at large.

The membership committee will be at work during this week and it is to be hoped that every citizen approached will sign the matter at once so that the club may start off with the proper encouragement of the whole community.

BRICK PLANT WILL BE BUILT

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ESTABLISH-
MENT OF NEW INDUSTRY ARE
COMPLETED YESTERDAY.

Large Capacity Plant Will be Installed as Soon
as Possible—Will Build Near
the Railway.

Announcement was made yesterday afternoon by people of this city that the contract had been closed for the establishing of a brick plant in this city and that work would begin on the industry just as soon as the final arrangements for the site had been concluded and the deed made. It is given out that the plant will have a capacity of forty thousand bricks per day and that it will employ a large force of men. It is also said that a large number of the product of the plant have been contracted in advance.

The promoters of the plant did

not want their names made public this week but they are local men with means and it is definitely decided that the plant shall be one of the best ever established. It is to be located in the north or northeast portion of town and on or near the railroad. Further announcement about the matter will be made during the coming week.

E. H. Ackley, district manager for a large lumber company and interested in a lumber yard in this city, went to Plainview Wednesday to look after his interests there. He was accompanied by Ab Thompson of this city.

Mrs. Marian Garner and baby went to Hereford Wednesday.

LYCEUM COURSE ARRANGED.

Prominent Business Men Arrange for Varied
Entertainments for Winter.

Recently a number of the prominent business men conceived the idea that it would be a good thing for this city if they would arrange a series of entertainments to be given by noted talent during the winter months and this idea has culminated in a course which is considered to be exceptionally good, each number in the course being considered to be at the top of the class. The entertainments are to begin on October 13th and are to extend until next February at least, and they are, Dr. W. H. Sears, one of the most noted humorous lecturers on the American stage, who will appear here on October 13th; Chicago Symphony Trio, a musical organization which created such a furor in northern states and just making its first southern tour, appearing at Canyon City on November 5th; the Illinois Glee Club, a general musical organization which is well known in many southern cities, appearing January 20th; Edwards Reno, the prestidigitator, who has been in this city before and pleased large audiences, appearing February 15th, while the other number will be Edwin Vance Cook, the date for his talk not having yet been announced.

To those who are familiar with such entertainments it is not necessary to call particular attention to either of the numbers as they are all too well known. Speaking of H. W. Sears, "The Tuffy Man," an advance notice says:

"Happy is the man who finds his mission in the world. Dr. H. W. Sears found his when he began by his lectures to drive out the blues and rout the demons of grumbling with his scourge of satire, wit and humor. Like the poet, the lecturer is born, not made. Such is the inimitable Dr. Sears, with his word pictures, sound logic, true philosophy and gospel ethics, seasoned with good spirits, pathos and soul stirring eloquence. He is San Jones and Dr. Willets in one, for he has the pungent sarcasm and brilliant gift of the one and the pathetic and inspiring power of the other. Dr. Sears is unique and without a peer to entertain and edify an audience on any occasion. He is one of the greatest entertainers and best drawing cards on the lecture platform today. Every lecture course is richer when he is in it, and every Chautauqua program is sadly defective when he is left out. You have not heard the best until you hear him. He is always at his best."

EVENTS PLANNED BY AUTO ASSOCIATION

EIGHT HOUR ENDURANCE RACE AND
SEVENTY-FIVE MILE FREE-FOR-ALL

Are Among Other High Class Numbers to be
Pulled Off October 12th and 13th at the
Amarillo Auto Show Association.

At a meeting of the Amarillo Auto Show Association Saturday evening it was determined that a two days' event consisting of matinee races shall be pulled off October 12th and 13th in that city.

The meeting Saturday was a most enthusiastic one, and it is the purpose of the autoists composing this association to give better entertainment than has ever been shown outside of the northern and eastern circuits. The tracks are in infinitely better shape than they were at the time of the first annual show and races. They have been improved as to grade and surface, and it is assured that every patron will get more than his money's worth.

Following is an outline of the program for the two days' racing:

FIRST DAY.

First Event—Twenty mile race for cars costing \$1,000 and under, purse \$40.

Second Event—Ten mile race for one-cylinder motorcycles, purse \$15.

Third Event—Twenty-five mile race for cars costing \$2,000 and under, purse \$40.

Fourth Event—Fifty mile race, free for all, purse \$50.

SECOND DAY.

An eight-hour endurance race will be one of the distinctive features of the second day, and will begin at 7 o'clock in the forenoon continuing until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A purse of \$25 is offered in this contest, and the entrance fee is \$2.50.

First Event—Ten mile stop and start, special conditions explained on entrance blanks, purse \$25.

Second Event—Fifteen mile, two-cylinder motorcycle race, purse \$15.

Third Event—Five mile race with flying start, purse \$25.

Fourth Event—Thirty mile race for cars costing \$2,000 and under, purse \$50.

Fifth Event—Seventy-five mile free for all, purse \$100.

Three entries are required for all events. Entrance fees are ten per cent of the purse offered. All purses will be divided on a basis of forty and sixty per cent as between the first and second winners.

It is the unanimous opinion of officers and members of the association that the races will not only be high class, but also that they will be interesting from the standpoint of entries. Already a number of cars have been entered, and others will follow.

L. T. Lester, D. A. Park, W. W. Allison and T. H. Rowan have been attending the United States District Court at Amarillo the greater portion of this week.

Mrs. L. T. Lester and daughter, Miss Blanche, went to Amarillo Wednesday to join Mr. Lester, who was attending court in that city.